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All day on the train. Had a long talk with Tommy Thompson this afternoon. He was on his way back to Vienna after a skiing expedition in which Mary Belin had broken her neck, young Boisgelin his leg, and others had escaped with lesser injuries. Tommy loves his post. His step-daughter, aged eleven, was with him. She is almost insanely fond of animals. When they left Colorado a couple of years ago she complained to her step-father: "Why do we have to travel so much? I have met so many nice horses on this trip and I hate to leave them."

We got to St. Veid about 5:45 and, being late, missed the connecting train to Bad Gastein. It was bitterly cold, especially on the feet, but in an hour another train came along so we reached the Bellevue Hotel in Bad Gastein in time for dinner.

Since this morning we have seen only snow-covered country, seemingly deserted houses, no livestock, and occasional people on skis. The autumn and winter have been almost unprecedently mild, and the snowfall is measured in inches instead of feet.

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